

✠ St. Paul's Lutheran Church ✠  
Kenesaw, NE

Pastor Paul S. Duffy

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Organist: Mrs. LaMoine Fischer

Sunday School 9:00am

Acolyte: Paige Morrow

Divine Service 10:00am

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

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Honoring of Our St. Paul's Graduates

May 1, 2016

**AS WE GATHER**

The Bible is filled with precious promises for this life and the life to come. The greatest promise is that God will be with us wherever we go, through the good and through the many trials in life. How important it is for our 2016 graduates to remember this blessed truth. Jesus also makes it clear to us that in this world we will have tribulation, a "promise" we'd rather do without! But He reminds us that we are to "take heart," for He has overcome the world. That means ultimate, resounding victory is ours through Jesus' name!

*Divine Service, Setting Four p. 203*

Opening Hymn p. 842 "Son of God, Eternal Savior"

Confession and Absolution p. 203

**Psalm 67**

May God be gracious to us and bless us

and make His face to shine upon us,

that Your way may be known on earth,

Your saving power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise You, O God;

let all the peoples praise You!

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

for You judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise You, O God;

let all the peoples praise You!

The earth has yielded its increase;

God, our God, shall bless us.

God shall bless us;

let all the ends of the earth fear Him!

**GLORY BE TO THE FATHER AND TO THE SON AND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT; AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING, IS NOW, AND WILL BE FOREVER. AMEN.**

Kyrie p. 204

Gloria in Excelsis p. 204

Salutation and Collect of the Day p. 205

**First Reading Acts 16:9-15**

And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us.

**Second Reading Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27**

Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, "Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb." And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed — on the east three gates, on

the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, transparent as glass.

And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

*Alleluia and Verse* p. 205

**Holy Gospel** John 16:23-33

In that day you will ask nothing of Me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in My name, He will give it to you. Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

"I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me and have believed that I came from God. I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father."

His disciples said, "Ah, now You are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! Now we know that You know all things and do not need anyone to question You; this is why we believe that You came from God." Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe? Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave Me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with Me. I have said these things to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

**Nicene Creed** p. 206

**Hymn of the Day** p. 556 (vv. 1-4) "Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice"

**Sermon** "Fullness of Joy" (John 16:24)

**Prayer of the Church**

*(This morning, we offer prayers on behalf of our 2016 graduates of St. Paul's: Jake Brunk, Jack Duffy, Keaton Harpham, Kelsey Jaeschke, Brielle Schneider, Rose Wehrman, and Carson Woodman. May God richly bless your future, Class of 2016!)*

**Offering and Musical Offering**

† **Service of the Sacrament** p. 208 †

*\*Parents are welcome to bring their children to the altar for a blessing\**

**Communion Hymn** p. 556 (vv. 5-10) "Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice"

**Nunc Dimitis Song of Simeon** p. 211

**Post Communion Collect** p. 212

**Benedicamus and Benediction** p. 212

**St. Paul's Choir Selection** "Go in Love"



**We honor The Class of 2016 Graduates today.**

Join with the congregation as we commit their future to God in prayer.

**2016 Graduates**

Jake Brunk	Jack Duffy
Keaton Harpham	Kelsey Jaeschke
Brielle Schneider	Rose Wehrman
Carson Woodman	



## St. Paul's Mission Calendar

<b>Today</b>	9:00 AM	Sunday School & Adult Bible Class
	✦ 10:00 AM	Honor Grads/Communion Worship (common cup)
	7:00 PM	LYF
<b>Mon.</b>	9:00 AM	Women's Bible Study
<b>Tues.</b>		Preschool Fieldtrip - Last day of Preschool
<b>Wed.</b>	✦ 10:00 AM	Worship at Premier Estates
<b>Thurs.</b>	12 NOON	Ladies Aid Salad Luncheon
	✦ 7:00 PM	Ascension Day & "National Day of Prayer" Worship Service
<b>Sat.</b>	2:00 PM	Kenesaw High School Graduation

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**Ladies Aid Salad Luncheon** will be held **Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 12 Noon**. Jack Duffy will give his presentation on "The Voice of Democracy". *Please sign up TODAY!* The sign-up sheet is under the mailboxes in the entryway.

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### Ascension Day & "National Day of Prayer" Worship Service Thurs., May 5th - 7:00 PM

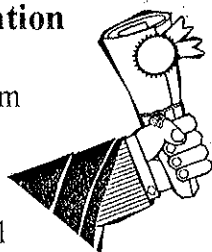
A special service is planned. Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ is ascended -- and Christ will come again. We as Christians are sure of this. Join us in prayer with fellow Christians for our nation, our leaders and others.

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*All members of St. Paul's congregation are invited. . .*

### Kenesaw High School Graduation

Sat., May 7, 2016 2:00 p.m.  
Kenesaw High School Gymnasium



### Receptions Following Graduation:

Jack Duffy at the Parsonage  
Carson Woodman at St. Paul's Fellowship Hall

Sunday School News: May 22<sup>nd</sup> will be the last day for Sunday School this spring. Thank you to all the teachers and helpers the past year -- without you we would not have Sunday School! In keeping with our Habitat for Humanity offering project, we are planning to collect non-perishable food, towels, wash cloths or small necessities for a home as our May offerings. Hopefully the build family will be able to come to St. Paul's to meet us in May. A representative from Habitat for Humanity will be present May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

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**BACKPACK Project:** Food items will still be needed this summer for the Backpack Project. We've been informed that, so far, there at least a dozen children who will be going to summer school and have qualified for this benefit. Items can be left in the box under the photo display in the Educational wing. Thank you!

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**"War Room"** the movie is coming to St. Paul's, Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 p.m. Can their marriage survive despite appearing to have it all? Come and see what happens when a "war room", battle plan for prayer and a step of faith is taken. Child care will be provided, but please sign-up so that we can have the appropriate staffing. Sign-up sheet on table by Pastor's office. Free-will offering.

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**Save the date:** Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup> Fellowship Coffee and Hymn Sing. Pastor Harold King will be speaking about his experiences as a military chaplain during coffee hour beginning at 9:00 a.m. *You won't want to miss this!*

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### Summer Schedule - Begins Sunday, June 5th

9:00 AM ✦ Worship Service ✦



Fellowship Coffee following the service. Any organization, group, or family may host a coffee. For best choice of dates sign up early! The sign-up sheet Education wing entryway on table by Pastor's office.

# Barnyard Roundup VBS 2016

June 6 - 10 (Mon - Fri.) 8:15 - 11:00 a.m.

Ages 4 years - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Welcome! VBS 2016 is "farm-tastic!"

In Barnyard Roundup VBS, your children will explore five Bible accounts where Jesus gathers us together to be with Him with His abundant provision and saving protection, now and forever. Come along with us as we sing fun songs, do crazy crafts, eat yummy snacks, play awesome games and *more!* Full and part-time helpers needed, with many ways you can be involved to suit your schedule and interests

**Register now to attend or to help - Online at**

<https://vbsmate.com/stpaulskenesaw> Questions? Contact Sarah Kroos 402-984-7735 or [kroosfamily@gmail.com](mailto:kroosfamily@gmail.com)

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**Please remember these people in your prayers -**

Pastor Paul Duffy and family

**Birthdays:**

- May 2 Bentley Olson; Rosie Schroeder
- 3 Diane Kroll
- 4 Chris Shelton
- 7 Bricyn Jameson; Jamie Porterfield



**In the Service:** Austin Applegate, Alec Applegate, Trevor Stickels, Julian Tucker, Hannah Panwitz, Danielle Burr; Darren Woodside

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## Our Expression of Love

<b>Sunday, April 24, 2016</b>	Attendance 124
Current Envelope	\$1,095.00
Current Plate	391.75
Mission Envelope	90.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,576.75</b>



**About the Cover:** We know that in this life we have trials and troubles. All we need to do is look at our lives and the lives of those around us. Jesus comforts us when He tells us that in Him we have peace because He has overcome the world. All of the troubles of this world have come about because of sin, but Jesus has overcome sin; therefore, we have peace in and through Him. Thank You, Jesus!

I have said these things to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation.



But take heart; I have overcome the world.

John 16:33